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SUBJ: USIRJC TRAINING TEAM PROGRAM

REF: A. STATE 228480; B. TEHRAN 8919

1. EMB SINCERELY REGRETS DIFFICULTIES CAUSED TO DOL BY SHORTENED TIME OF STAY OF TEAM MEMBERS OUTLINED REFTEL. TEAM WAS GIVEN COPY OF TEXT OF ALL DOL CABLES WITH DETAILED EXPLANATION THAT SHOULD TEAM MEMBERS CHOOSE TO ARRIVE US EARLIER THAN STARTING DATE THAT TIME WOULD BE "HOLIDAY" AND THREE WEEK PROGRAM REPEAT THREE WEEK PROGRAM WOULD FOLLOW.

2. EMB ALSO QUESTIONED TEAM MEMBERS CONCERNING POSSIBLE VISIT TO US BY OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AND RECEIVED NEGATIVE REPLY. IN REVIEWING PER DIEM AND DOMESTIC TRAVEL FUNDS TEAM MEMBERS INDICATED TO EMBOFF THAT GOI FUNDS WERE AVAILABLE FOR PER DIEM AND TRAVEL DURING THREE WEEK PROGRAM BUT HOLIDAY WEEK IN NEW YORK WOULD BE AT EXPENSE OF EACH TEAM MEMBER.

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3. AS EMB POINTED OUT REF B TEAM FORCED TO LEAVE TEHRAN

WITHOUT DETAILED ITINERARY PROGRAM PLANNED. EMB COULD ONLY GIVE ASSURANCES THAT PROGRAM WOULD LAST THREE WEEKS. EMB ADVISED TEAM MEMBERS DETAILS OF PROGRAM WOULD BE EXPLAINED IN WASHINGTON. LACK OF DETAILED PROGRAM FROM DOL PERHAPS REINFORCED TEAM MEMBERS BELIEF THAT THEY COULD MODIFY PROGRAM UPON ARRIVAL.

4. PERHAPS HOLIDAY WEEK IN NEW YORK OR TRIP IN GENERAL HAS BEEN MORE EXPENSIVE THAN ORIGINALLY ENVISAGED. IN ORDER TO WRITE OFF ALL EXPENSES TO GOI, TEAM HAS APPARENTLY DECIDED AFTER ARRIVAL IN US TO CUT SHORT VISIT.

5. EMB APPRECIATES DOL'S WORK IN ALTERING PROGRAM TO SUIT NEEDS OF TEAM MEMBERS AND AGREES THAT MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON BOTH SIDES IN FUTURE MAY AVOID SUCH PROBLEMS.
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